

## CLAIMS

What is Claimed Is:

- 1           1.    A computer, comprising:  
2                a setup function setting and display device identifying setting items that are not  
3                reflected in a use environment of the computer from among a plurality of setting items, and  
4                displaying the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment in a manner  
5                recognizable from other setting items.
2.    A computer having a setup function, comprising:  
                  a memory storing setup history information; and  
                  a display controller identifying setting items that are not reflected in a use  
4                environment of the computer from a plurality of setting items, and controlling display of the  
5                setting items that are not reflected in the use environment in a manner recognizable from other  
6                setting items.
- 1           3.    A computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the setting values set during a setup  
2                operation for the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment are replaced by  
3                values set by software different from the software used during the setup operation.
- 4           4.    A computer as recited in claim 2, wherein the setting values set during a setup  
5                operation for the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment are replaced by  
6                values set by software different from the software used during the setup operation.

1           5.    A computer display method, comprising:  
2           identifying setting items that are not reflected in a use environment of the computer  
3           from among a plurality of setting items; and  
4           displaying the setting items that are not reflected in a manner recognizable from other  
5           setting items.

1           6.    A computer readable storage medium storing a program for implementing a  
2           display method with a computer, the method comprising:  
3           identifying settings that are not reflected in a use environment of the computer from  
4           among a plurality of setting items; and  
5           displaying the setting items that are not reflected in a recognizable from other setting  
6           items.

1           7.    A computer, comprising:  
2           a first setup function setting and display device controlled by a first program to set  
3           items related to a use environment of the computer and to display the set items;  
4           a second setup function setting device controlled by a second program to set items  
5           related to the use environment of the computer, an item set by the second setup function setting  
6           device having priority over the same item set by the first setup function setting device; and  
7           an identifying device to identify the items set by the second setup function setting  
8           device having priority over the items set by the first setup function setting device.

1           8.       A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the second setup function setting  
2 device disables the same item set by the first setup function setting device.

1           9.       A computer as recited in claim 7, further comprising a display to display the  
2 item identified by the identifying device in a manner distinguishable from other items.

1           10.      A computer as recited in claim 9, wherein the display displays the item  
2 identified in halftone dot mesh.

1           11.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is a basic input  
2 output system program and the second program is an operating system program.

1           12.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is a basic input  
2 output system program and the second program is an application program.

1           13.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an operating  
2 system program and the second program is a basic input output system program.

1           14.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an application  
2 program and the second program is a basic input output system program.

1           15.      A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an application  
2 program and the second program is an application program.

1           16.     A computer as recited in claim 9, wherein the identifying device comprises a  
2 history information setting device to monitor the set items and to store a history of items set by  
3 the first setting device which are modified by the second setting device, and the display  
4 displays the item in a manner distinguishable from other items based on the stored history.

1           17.     A computer as recited in claim 16, wherein the history information setting  
2 device comprises a non-volatile memory storing the history of items set by the first setting  
3 device which are modified by the second setting device.

4           18.     A method of operating a computer, comprising:  
5           setting items related to a use environment of the computer using a first program;  
6           setting items related to the use environment of the computer using a second program,  
7 an item set using the second program having priority over the same item set using the first  
8 program; and  
9           identifying the items set using the second program having priority over the items set  
10 by the first program; and  
11           displaying the identified items in a manner distinguishable from other items.